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1. Location: The construction site of the future plant located about 1.6 km northwest of the Cherepovets Vologda Oblast, railroad station. Workers settlement around the plant in the west, east, and north.

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2. Construction data: The excavations started in June 1948. The camp was considerably enlarged, numerous civilian laborers were employed, and the construction was continued on a large scale. The neighboring plant settlements were constructed at the same time. About 25 to 30 dredges and some hundred trucks were available for the project. The construction of 25 workshops, dimensions about 180 x 67.5 meters, was planned. The excavations were about 2.4 meters deep. The basements were concrete and the external walls were concreted 90 cm thick up to a height of 6 meters. The basements were provided with 45 cm thick concrete ceilings supported by iron girders. Wooden superstructures and roofs were constructed on the outer concrete walls. Because the ground was swampy, some workshop foundations were filled with concrete. The settlement buildings were constructed like the former German "Reichs Arbeits Dienst" buildings, wooden cartonment buildings on concrete foundations. They were soon occupied, some of them as small apartments and some of them as barracks with crude furniture. Without settlements, the plant, an open area, covered about 2.8 x 1.9 km. The buildings were widely dispersed. Most of the buildings were located in the southern part of the plant.

In September 1949 the status of construction was as follows: Seven or eight workshops were roofed, of 10 workshops the foundations were completed, and for the remaining workshops, a total of 25, the excavations were completed. The northern settlement was composed of 15 buildings and the eastern settlement of 30 houses. The west settlement, with about 100 houses, was still under construction.

Machinery was not yet available at the plant. [REDACTED] from conversation with Soviet engineers that the plant under construc-

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3. Work force in September 1949: About 5,000 drafted Soviet civilians and 2,500 PWs. An additional 1,500 PWs were cutting lumber for the construction project.

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a. The projected aluminum plant near Cherepovets was known from previous reports. According to these reports, the construction of the plant is in con h the discovery of the important bauxite resources out 3.2 km west of town near the village of Bogorod e resources were discovered during the war.

b. This report furnishes ve information on the plant under construction since 1948, which, according to other reports, is to be completed by 1952. From the statements it can be concluded that the project will be an important installation. location sketch. Usable detailed sketches of the plant layout cannot be expected in the near future, since the construction is just beginning.

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